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Committee to Markup Border Security and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2005

WHO: U.S. House Committee on Homeland Security

Peter T. King (R-NY), Chairman

WHEN: 10 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005

WHERE: 311 Cannon House Office Building

BACKGROUND

The Committee on Homeland Security will meet in open session to consider "The Border Security and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2005," H.R. 4312. Chairman Peter T. King (R-NY) introduced the bipartisan bill to enhance security along America's borders and ensure the removal of aliens who attempt to enter the United States illegally.

Key provisions in the bill include: establishing operational control of all borders and ports through enhanced Border Patrol operations, physical barriers, and state-of-the-art technology; ending the "catch and release" practice along the southwest border; streamlining operations within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) border security agencies; and promoting both international and domestic policies that will deter further illegal entry into the United States.

Subcommittee for Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity Chairman Dan Lungren (R-CA) and Subcommittee Ranking Member Loretta Sanchez (D-CA) are original cosponsors of the legislation.